

UNIT 26

(SEE PAGE 157 FOR UNIT 26 MAP)

This unit consists of Arctic Ocean drainages between Cape Lisburne and the Alaska-Canada border including the Firth River drainage with Alaska.

Unit 26(A) consists of that portion of Unit 26 lying west of the Itkillik River drainage and west of the east bank of the Colville River between the mouth of the Itkillik River and the Arctic Ocean.

Unit 26(B) consists of that portion of Unit 26 east of Unit 26(A), west of the west bank of the Canning River and west of the west bank of the marsh fork of the Canning River.

Unit 26(C) consists of the remainder of Unit 26.

Special Provisions:

- The **Unit 26(A) Controlled Use Area**, which consists of Unit 26(A), is closed to the use of aircraft in any manner for moose hunting, including transportation of moose hunters or parts of moose from Aug. 1 - Sept. 14 and from Jan. 1 - Mar. 31. However, this does not apply to transportation of moose hunters, their gear, or moose parts by aircraft between publicly owned airports.
- The **Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area**, which consists of those portions of Units 20, 24, 25, and 26 extending five miles from each side of the Dalton Highway from the Yukon River to Prudhoe Bay, is closed to the use of motorized vehicles, except aircraft and boats, and to licensed highway vehicles, snowmobiles, and firearms except as provided below. The use of snowmobiles is authorized only for the subsistence taking of wildlife by residents living within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area. The use of licensed highway vehicles is limited only to designated roads within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area. The use of firearms within the Corridor is authorized only for the residents of Alatna, Allakaket, Anaktuvuk Pass, Bettles, Evansville, Stevens Village, and residents living within the Corridor.
- The **Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area** is open to brown bear hunting by State registration permit in lieu of a resident tag. The Area consists of Unit 21(D), Unit 22, except for 22(C), and Unit 23, except the Baldwin Peninsula north of the Arctic Circle, Unit 24 and Unit 26(A). No resident tag is required for taking brown bears in the Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area, provided that the hunter has obtained a State registration permit prior to hunting. Aircraft may not be used in the Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area in any manner for brown bear hunting under the authority of a brown bear State registration permit, including transportation of hunters, bears or parts of bears. However, this does not apply to transportation of bear hunters or bear parts by regularly scheduled flights to and between communities by carriers that normally provide scheduled service to this area, nor does it apply to transportation of aircraft to or between publicly owned airports. See Page 19 for sealing requirements.
- Caribou may be taken from a boat moving under power in Unit 26.
- Swimming caribou may be taken with a firearm using rimfire cartridges.
- No more than five caribou per regulatory year may be transported from Unit 26 except by residents of Anaktuvuk Pass.
- For the DeLong Mountains sheep hunts - A Federally-qualified subsistence user (recipient) may designate another Federally-qualified subsistence user to take sheep on his or her behalf unless the recipient is a member of a community operating under a community harvest system. The designated hunter must obtain a designated hunter permit and must return a completed harvest report. The designated hunter may hunt for any number of recipients but may have no more than two harvest limits in his/her possession at any one time.

- For subsistence use, national parks, monuments and preserves are open only to National Park Service qualified subsistence users. Subsistence users must be local rural residents of National Park Service areas. For more information contact the National Park Service office in Anchorage, Alaska (telephone: 907/257-2649).
- In Kaktovik, a Federally-qualified subsistence user (recipient) may designate another Federally-qualified subsistence user to take sheep on his or her behalf unless the recipient is a member of a community operating under a community harvest system. The designated hunter must obtain a designated hunter permit and must return a completed harvest report. The designated hunter may hunt for any number of recipients but may have no more than two harvest limits in his/her possession at any one time.
- Residents of Anaktuvuk Pass who have taken sheep within Gates of the Arctic National Park under the community harvest quota hunt are required to report the taking within 10 days to the Anaktuvuk Pass village coordinator's office.

An "All rural residents" designation in the following customary and traditional use determinations means that a specific determination has not yet been made.

Hunting

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
BLACK BEAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All rural residents 	3 bears	July 1 - June 30
BROWN BEAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural residents of Unit 26 (except the Prudhoe Bay-Deadhorse Industrial Complex), and residents of Anaktuvuk Pass and Point Hope <p><i>See Special Provision for the Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area on page 153. Contact ADF&G for permit hunt details.</i></p>	Unit 26 (A) - 1 bear by State registration permit only Units 26(B) and 26(C) - 1 bear	Sept. 1 - May 31 Sept. 1 - May 31
CARIBOU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Units 26(A) and (C) - Rural residents of Unit 26 and the residents of Anaktuvuk Pass and Point Hope • Unit 26(B) - Rural residents of Unit 26 and the residents of Anaktuvuk Pass, Point Hope and Wiseman <p><i>You may not transport more than 5 caribou per regulatory year from Unit 26 except to the community of Anaktuvuk Pass.</i></p>	Unit 26(A) - 10 caribou per day; however, cow caribou may not be taken May 16 - June 30. Federal public lands south of the Colville River and east of the Killik River are closed to the taking of caribou from Aug. 1 - Sept. 30, except by rural Alaska residents of Unit 26, Anaktuvuk Pass and Point Hope Unit 26(B) - 10 caribou per day; however, cow caribou may be taken only from Oct. 1 - Apr. 30.	July 1 - June 30 July 1 - June 30 July 1 - Apr. 30

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION

HARVEST LIMITS

OPEN SEASONS

SHEEP

- Unit 26(A) - Residents of Unit 26, Anaktuvuk Pass, and Point Hope
- Unit 26(B) - Residents of Unit 26, Anaktuvuk Pass, Point Hope, and Wiseman
- Unit 26(C) - Residents of Unit 26, Anaktuvuk Pass, Arctic Village, Chalkyitsik, Fort Yukon, Point Hope, and Venetie

See Special Provision for residents of Anaktuvuk Pass

*Unit 26(B) Federal permits may be obtained from:
Bureau of Land Management, Northern District
Office, Fairbanks*

*Unit 26(C) Federal registration permits may be
obtained from:
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Fairbanks*

(See pages 159 and 160 for complete addresses)

Unit 26(A) - those portions within the Gates of the Arctic National Park, excluding Anaktuvuk Pass residents - 3 sheep

Aug. 1 - Apr. 30

Unit 26(A) - that portion west of Howard Pass and the Etivluk River (DeLong Mountains) - 1 ram with full curl or larger horns by Federal registration permit. The hunter must deliver the horns attached to the skull to the National Park Service or NPS representative within 30 days of harvesting the animal. The NPS or NPS representative will destroy the trophy value by removing and destroying four inches from the base of one horn. The Superintendent of the Western Arctic National Parklands will announce the fall/winter harvest quota, if any, prior to the fall season. All harvest quota and season announcements will be done in consultation with ADF&G and BLM.

Aug. 1 - Sept. 30 (Fall Season). The season will be closed when half of the total fall/winter quota has been harvested in the DeLong Mountains.

Dates of the winter season to be announced by the Superintendent of the Western Arctic National Parklands. The season will be closed in the DeLong Mountains on April 1 or when the total quota of sheep has been harvested whichever comes first.

Unit 26(B) - that portion within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area - 1 ram with 7/8 curl horn or larger by Federal registration permit only

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

Units 26(A) and (B) - those portions within the Gates of the Arctic National Park, Anaktuvuk Pass residents only - community harvest quota of 60 sheep, no more than 10 of which may be ewes and a daily possession limit of 3 sheep per person, no more than 1 of which may be a ewe.

July 15 - Dec. 31

Remainder of Units 26(A) and (B) - including the Gates of the Arctic National Preserve - 1 ram with 7/8 curl horn or larger
Unit 26(C) - 10 caribou per day

Hunting

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION

HARVEST LIMITS

OPEN SEASONS

SHEEP (Continued)	Unit 26(C) - 3 sheep per regulatory year; the Aug. 10 - Sept. 20 season is restricted to 1 ram with 7/8 curl horn or larger. A Federal registration permit is required for the Oct. 1 - Apr. 30 season.	Aug. 10 - Sept. 20 Oct. 1 - Apr. 30
MOOSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural residents of Unit 26 (except the Prudhoe Bay-Deadhorse Industrial Complex), and residents of Point Hope and Anaktuvuk Pass 	Unit 26(A) - that portion of the Colville River drainage downstream from and including the Chandler River - 1 bull. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by rural Alaska residents of Unit 26 (not including the Prudhoe Bay-Deadhorse Complex), Point Hope and Anaktuvuk Pass.	Aug. 1 - Sept. 14
	Remainder of Unit 26(A) 1 bull	Sept. 1 - Sept. 14
	Units 26 (B) and (C)	No Federal open season
MUSKOX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 26(A) - Residents of Anaktuvuk Pass, Atqasuk, Barrow, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, and Wainwright Unit 26(B) - Residents of Anaktuvuk Pass, Nuiqsut, and Kaktovik Unit 26(C) - Residents of Kaktovik <p><i>Federal registration permits may be obtained from: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Fairbanks (See Page 160 for complete address)</i></p>	Unit 26(C) - 1 muskox by Federal registration permit only; 12 permits for bulls and 3 permits for cows may be issued to rural Alaska residents of the village of Kaktovik only. However, cows may be taken only from Sept. 15 - Mar. 31. Public lands are closed to the taking of muskox, except by rural Alaska residents of the village of Kaktovik during open seasons.	July 15 - Mar. 31
	Units 26(A) and (B)	No Federal open season
COYOTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	2 coyotes	Sept. 1 - Apr. 30
FOX, ARCTIC (Blue and White Phase) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	2 foxes	Sept. 1 - Apr. 30
FOX, RED (including Cross, Black and Silver Phases) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	Units 26(A) and (B) - 10 foxes; however, no more than 2 foxes may be taken prior to Oct. 1	Sept. 1 - Mar. 15
	Unit 26(C) - 10 foxes	Nov. 1 - Apr. 15
HARE (Snowshoe and Tundra) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	No limit	July 1 - June 30
LYNX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	2 lynx	Nov. 1 - Apr. 15

Hunting

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
WOLF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural residents of Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11-13 and the residents of Chickaloon, and 16-26 	15 wolves	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30
WOLVERINE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	5 wolverine	Sept. 1 - Mar. 31
PTARMIGAN (<i>Rock and Willow</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	20 per day, 40 in possession	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30

Trapping

COYOTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	No limit	Nov. 1 - Apr. 15
FOX, ARCTIC (<i>Blue and White Phase</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	No limit	Nov. 1 - Apr. 15
FOX, RED (<i>including Cross, Black and Silver Phases</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	No limit	Nov. 1 - Apr. 15
LYNX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	No limit	Nov. 1 - Apr. 15
MARTEN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	No limit	Nov. 1 - Apr. 15
MINK AND WEASEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	No limit	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31
MUSKRAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	No limit	Nov. 1 - June 10
OTTER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	No limit	Nov. 1 - Apr. 15
WOLF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural residents of Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11 - 13 and the residents of Chickaloon, and 16 - 26 	No limit	Nov. 1 - Apr. 30
WOLVERINE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	No limit	Nov. 1 - Apr. 15